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ANNOUNCER

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REMARKS

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2. MUSIC: THEME

3. ANNOUNCER: Since January first, the forest rangers on many of our

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6. order to measure the snow - an important job that the

7. U. S. Forest Service carries on in cooperation with the

8. Weather Bureau. Our friends, Ranger Jim Robbins and his

9. assistant, Jerry Quick, have themselves spent several days

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11. the Pine Cone National Forest. But right now we find them

12. back at the Ranger Station with Ranger Jim trying to write

13. up a snow course measurement report. And he's getting

14. nowhere because Jerry seems to be taking this time to

15. practice, of all things, yodelling. Listen!

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18. inches....snow depth....

19. JERRY: YODELS

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22. JIM: Quit that confounded caterwauling. You're making enough

23. noise to wake the dead. A feller can't even think....

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6. down through the ages. It's up to some of us around here
7. to keep yodelling alive in this country....YODELS.....

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9. JIM: Yeah, I heard it....and so did all the folks in Winding
10. Creek.

11. JERRY: You don't get the idea, Jim. I'm talking about the quality
12. in my yodel. When I yodel I can feel it deep, well,
13. (LAUGHS) Deep down in my soul like the artists say. Must
14. have some Swiss blood in me from way back, huh Jim? And
15. besides there's that announcement in this morning's paper...
16. Oh, here comes Mrs. Robbins. Hello, Mrs. Robbins.

17. BESS: (COMING ON) Hello, Jerry.

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19. it was nothing gentle like that. Jerry here was.....

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6. it, but it went down the wrong way and now it's lodged in
7. her lung, Doctor Peters says.
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10. BESS: She's got to be taken East for a special operation, the
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12. of money, isn't it, Jim?
13. JIM: Yeah. And Joe's hard up for money, I s'pect.
14. JERRY: Yeah. Losing those ten or eleven cattle that were missing
15. at roundup time last fall hit him pretty hard, Jim. That
16. extra dough would sure help right now.
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18. JIM: loss.
19. BESS: I was thinking our Ladies Club might raise a little money
20. to help send the little girl to the hospital.
21. JIM: It's going to take more than you can raise, Bess. Joe
22. will probably need all of five hundred dollars for that
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JIM: We'll be along directly, Bess.

JERRY: (RATTLING PAPER) Here's that piece I was talking about, Jim...about the yodelling. See...here in the paper. Read it.

JIM: (READS ALOUD) Yodelling contest announced for next Saturday...The Winding Creek Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the recently organized local Yodelling Club, announce.....

JERRY: No, skip that. Read down there, Jim. At the end of the column.....

JIM: (READS ALOUD) First prize will be ten dollars, second price, five dollars...oh, so you're going to win a prize, huh?

JERRY: Sure I'm going to win a prize - first prize. When it comes to yodeling, I've got stuff, huh, Jim? And I'll tell you what, Jim. I'll turn the money over to Bess to help Walker's youngster, Barbara Ann.

JIM: Well, Jerry, that being the case, you being so generous and all, I guess I'll have to quit fussing about that yowling of yours, until after the contest, that is.

JERRY: (LAUGHING) Now, that's good of you, Jim. You mean I can keep on yodelling, right here?

JIM: No, Jerry, I got a better idea than that. We'll go up to Windy Mountain tomorrow and finish up our snow course measurements. You can yodel your head off on the job.

Wait, be sharp directly, Bees.

(GRANTING PRIZE) Here's that piece I was talking about.

Jim... about the yodelling. See... here in the paper.

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Some of the recently organized local Yodelling Club.

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Well, Jerry, that being the case, you being no gentleman and

all, I guess I'll have to put trusting about that prize

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No, Jerry, I got a better idea than that. We'll go to

Windy Mountain tomorrow and finish up our show down

resurrections. You can yodel your head off on the way

JERRY: Swell, Jim. That's the way it ought to be done, anyway.
Up in the mountains.

JIM: Come to think of it, Jerry, I wouldn't practice too hard if
I was you. Remember when you lost your voice that time Mary
was going to use you as announcer at the basket party? And
I had to take your place at the last minute? Well, I don't
intend to do any substituting for you (FADE) at no
yodelling contest.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

JERRY: (OFF) YODELS

JIM: (CALLS) Jerry! Give me a hand here, will you?

JERRY: (OFF) Coming, Jim. (COMING ON) My yodelling's getting
better, huh?

JIM: Well, I can't say as I mind it so much out here, any way...
Here, help me with this tube. It's down to the bottom of
the snow all right but it's frozen tight. Both of us,
pulling together, ought to bring 'er up. Ready?

JERRY: All set, Jim.

JIM: Pull (GRUNTS) Again (GRUNTS) That's got her. Up she comes.

JERRY: This year's snow's got plenty of moisture in it, huh, Jim?

JIM: Yeah. Looks like folks in the valley oughta have plenty of
water next summer. Can't tell exactly though 'till the
Weather Bureau ties in the snow course measurements for the
whole area...We're sure going about this thing a lot more
sensibly than in the old days, Jerry.

Well, Jim. That's the way it ought to be done, in my
up in the mountains.
Come to think of it, Jerry, I wouldn't promise to
I was you. Remember when you lost your voice that time
was going to use you as an announcer at the basket ball
I had at this your place at the last minute? Well, I don't
intend to do any substituting for you (NAME) as a

(OFF) JERRY
(GALLS) Jerry? Give me a hand here, will you?
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Weather Bureau then in the snow course measurement for
while now... We're sure going about this thing a lot more
carefully than in the old days, Jerry.

1. JERRY: How's that, Jim?

2. JIM: Well, for a number of years I'd come up here in the

3. mountains and just read how deep the snow was. We had

4. what we called snow stakes set up for that very purpose.

5. Used to think that if we had a lot of snow, deep snow, we'd

6. have a lot of water. Well, it didn't work out that way,

7. Jerry. We found that some years when the snow was real

8. deep we'd get precious little water and then some years when

9. there wasn't so much snow we'd have plenty of water. You see,

10. how much water we finally get depends on what kind of snow

11. we get and how wet the snow is. That's why we measure the

12. snow for water content now as well as for depth. (STRIKING

13. OF METAL AGAINST METAL) There. Got the tubes disconnected.

14. One more set to go, Jerry, further along the ridge...and

15. we're through.

16. JERRY: You know something, Jim? I've been thinking. It is an ill

17. wind that doesn't blow some good, as the saying goes. This

18. heavy snow is why Joe Walker lost those cattle when they

19. strayed away at round-up time. But at the same time, all

20. this deep snow means that Joe Walker's cattle will

21. probably have plenty of feed and water next summer. It'll

22. help him make up his losses.

23. JIM: Just the same, Joe could use the money those cows were worth

24. right now, with his youngster needing a special operation.

25.

How a fast, thing?

Well, for a number of years I'd come up here in the

mountains and just used how deep the snow was. We had

what we called snow shovels set up for that very purpose.

Used to think that if we had a lot of snow, deep a snow

have a lot of water. Well, it didn't work out that way.

Anyway. We found that some years when the snow was very

deep we'd get precious little water and then some years

there wasn't as much snow we'd have plenty of water. So

how much water we finally get depends on what kind of snow

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1. JERRY: Jim, you think there's any chance at all those cattle are
2. still alive? I read the other day where Ranger Snyder on
3. the Tahoe National Forest in California found a bunch of
4. strays that were lost nearly four months. He was on skis
5. one day, making a deer survey, when.....

6. JIM: Forget it, Jerry. That sort of thing happens only once in
7. a life time. You stick to your yodeling. Ten dollars prize
8. money in the hand is going to be worth a whole lot more to
9. Joe Walker than ten dead steers somewhere on the range.

10. (FADE) Let's get along.

11. PAUSE

12. JERRY: YODELS...(PAUSE - TO HIMSELF) Huh? What do you know about
13. that?..... YODELS...(PAUSE) Yes sir! (CALLS) Jim! Hey,
14. Jim! Come here a minute.

15. JIM: (COMING ON) What's the matter, Jerry?

16. JERRY: Listen, Jim. I'm getting an echo every time I yodel.

17. JIM: An echo? You won't get any echo up on top of a mountain
18. like this. You got to have a cliff or something to throw
19. it back at you... Come on, before those tubes freeze again.

20. JERRY: No, wait, Jim. Listen good now...YODELS...(PAUSE) (FAINT
21. MOO HEARD FROM OFF) There! Did you hear it?

22. JIM: I.....I'm not sure. Try it again, Jerry.

23. JERRY: YODELS

24. (LOUDER MOO HEARD FROM OFF)

25. JERRY: That's it. That's it, Jim. If that isn't an echo I'll eat
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What? Let's get along.

TOBY: ... (SOUND - TOBY'S) Harry, I was to you know
... (SOUND - TOBY'S) ...

Jim, come home a minute.
(SOUND - TOBY'S) What's the matter, Jerry?
Listen, Jim. I'm getting an idea every time I go
a shot. You won't get any more on top of a mountain
like this. You got to have a cliff or something to
to back at you... down on, before there's any
to, wait, Jim. Listen good now... (SOUND - TOBY'S)
... (SOUND - TOBY'S) ... Did you hear the
... I'm not sure. Lay it again, Jerry.

... (SOUND - TOBY'S) ...
... (SOUND - TOBY'S) ... It's that way, Jim. It's that way.

1. JIM: I don't believe you ever spoke truer words, Jerry. It isn't
2. an echo but I believe you can eat it.

3. JERRY: Huh, what do you mean?

4. JIM: Try another yodel, Jerry. I want to make sure where the
5. sound's coming from.

6. JERRY: YODELS

7. MOO HEARD FROM OFF

8. JIM: Yeah. Just what I thought. It's coming from the south
9. side of the slope. Down there, Jerry, where those old
10. deserted logging shacks are.

11. JERRY: I don't get it, Jim.

12. JIM: Come on. We'll find out soon enough. And if it's what I
13. think it is, Jerry, (FADE) You deserve a medal.

14. PAUSE

15. JERRY: (FADING IN) There they are, Jim. The old shacks you were
16. talking about. But I don't see any signs of life.

17. JIM: No, but look at that snow around the shacks. All beaten
18. down, isn't it?

19. JERRY: By George, you're right, Jim. Regular tracks down there.
20. What in the world could have done that?

21. JIM: Try another yodel, Jerry. Not too loud this time.

22. JERRY: YODELS

23. LOUD MOO HEARD FROM OFF

24. JERRY: Well, I'll be jiggered. You don't suppose?.....
25.

I don't believe you even spoke three words, Jerry.

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Try another pencil, Jerry. I want to make sure you're

really coming from

NOT TALKING FROM THE

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(PAUSE) There they are, Jim. The old skanks are

walking about. But I don't see any signs of life

Not, but I see the snow around the ankles. All right.

By George you're right. Jim. He's a trucker how

What if the windmill has gone there?

Try another pencil, Jerry. Not too late this time

YOU'RE

NOT TALKING FROM THE

Well, I'll be damned. You don't suppose.....

1. JIM: I'm not supposin' anything, Jerry. I know for certain
2. now. Come on, it's in that shack over there.
3. MOOS REPEATED AND INCREASE IN VOLUME
4. JERRY: There he is, Jim, a yearling steer. Down in the cellar.
5. How did he ever get down there?
6. JIM: Fell through the floor here, see? And couldn't get out.
7. We got to get some water down there to him first thing.
8. JERRY: But Jim, that one steer couldn't have made all these
9. tracks.
10. JIM: You're right, Jerry. There's a spring behind that last
11. shack down there. Go on down and see what you can find.
12. JERRY: (GOING OFF) I'm on my way, Jim.
13. PLAINITIVE MOOS
14. JIM: It's all right, young feller. We'll get you out of
15. there, don't worry.
16. JERRY: (CALLING FROM OFF) Jim! Hey, Jim! Come here!
17. JIM: (CALLS) I'm coming, Jerry. Found something?
18. JERRY: (FADING IN) I'll say I found something. Look! All
19. crowded together under that overhanging rock, there. What
20. do you think of that?
21. JIM: One, two, three....five, six, seven...ten eleven. Eleven
22. steers. Well, I'll be jiggered. Why, that's twelve in
23. all, Jerry.
24.
25.

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now. Come on, it's in that area over there.

MOSS REPEATS AND INCREASES IN VOLUME

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How did he even get down there?

Well through the trees here, see? And couldn't get out.

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But Jim, that one steer couldn't have made all those

trucks.

You're right, Jerry. There's a spring behind that last

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(GONG OUT) I'm on my way, Jim.

FLUENT MOSS

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(GONGING FROM OFF) Hey, Jim! Come home!

(GONGING FROM OFF) Jerry! Come home!

(GONGING IN) Well say I found something. Look! All

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3. brand on their rumps. J-W.....They're Joe Walker's steers,

4. all right.

5. JIM: I'd never have believed it, Jerry. There's a thousand

6. dollars worth of cattle right there.

7. JERRY: What I want to know, Jim, is how they've come through

8. these past months. Why, it's almost like a miracle.

9. JIM: It's reasonable enough, Jerry, when you look around you

10. here. See, first of all, they picked this south mountain

11. slope. The sun's helped keep them warm along with these

12. shacks they've used for shelter during storms. There's

13. less snow here on this south side anyway and they've

14. managed to get some food from these patches of dry grass

15. you see here along with those tips of bitterbrush and the

16. grass right around this spring. I doubt if they'd have

17. come through another storm though. Lucky that yearling

18. answered when he heard your yodel.

19. JERRY: Well, all I can say is, it's swell for Walker and little

20. Barbara Ann. Walker'll make it OK now, with what he can

21. get for these steers, won't he, Jim?

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23. help. Suppose you get to the tower and call Bess. Tell

24. her to send Walker and another man up here. They'll need

25. one horse anyway to get that yearling out of the basement.

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1. JERRY: Boy, this is one climb I don't mind making. I'm practically
2. there already, Jim.

3. JIM: Wait a minute, Jerry. I got to hand it to you, boy. It
4. isn't every yodeler that comes through with a thousand
5. dollar prize, like you did today. Jerry, when you go into
6. that yodeling contest next Saturday I'll be rootin' for you.

7. JERRY: Thanks, Jim. But I believe my yodelling days are over.

8. JIM: Huh?

9. JERRY: Yeah, I'm afraid folks'll get the wrong impression now.
10. The way things turned out, it looks like I'm a better
11. cow-caller (FADE) than a yodeler.

12. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers comes to you each Friday over
13. the National Farm and Home Hour as a presentation of the
14. National Broadcasting Company with the cooperation of the
15. United States Forest Service.

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cow-caller (FADE) than a yodeler.

The way things turned out, it looks like I'm a better
Yeah, I'm afraid folks'll get the wrong impression now.

Huh?

Thanks, Jim. But I believe my yodeling days are over.

that yodeling contest next Saturday I'll be rootin' for you
dollar prize, like you did today. Jerry, when you go into
I ain't every yodeler that comes through with a thousand

Wait a minute, Jerry. I got to hand it to you, boy. It

there already, Jim.

Boy, this is one climb I don't mind making. I'm practically